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## **News Release**

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### **Man pleads guilty to robbing Maplewood, West St. Paul banks**

A 35-year-old man pleaded guilty Feb. 26 before United States District Court Chief Judge James Rosenbaum to robbing a TCF bank in the Twin Cities metro area. Samuel Patrick Sutton, unknown address, also acknowledged robbing a second TCF bank before pleading guilty to one count of bank robbery.

According to his plea agreement, Sutton did by force, violence and intimidation take approximately \$3,182 from a teller at the TCF Bank, located at the Cub Foods store on Nov. 13, 2007. Then on Dec. 3, 2007, Sutton took approximately \$3,000 by force, violence and intimidation from a teller at the TCF Bank in Maplewood.

If convicted, Sutton faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the police departments of Maplewood and West St. Paul, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Dees.